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Christine Todd Whitman
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
PO Box 1473
Merrifield, VA 22116

Re: HPV Challenge Program Submission

Dear Administrator Whitman:

On behalf of the member companies of The NMA/NBMA Association (Consortium Registration No. SRA International, Inc. (SRA) is pleased to submit the Test Plan and Robust Summaries to the HPV Challenge Program AR-201 for the following two (2) compounds:

Acrylamide N-(hydroxymethyl)-
NMA
CAS No. 924-42-5

Acrylamide, N-(butoxymethyl)-
NBMA
CAS No. 1852-16-0

In addition, a Robust Summary for a compound which is closely related to NMA and NBMA, Acrylamide (AMD) CAS No. 79-06-1, is also attached. Given the very large quantity and variety of information available on AMD, the evaluation of NMA and NBMA makes significant use of this information. The Test Plan references the Robust Summaries of all three (3) compounds, provides an in-depth discussion of the relationship between these compounds, and supports the conclusion of The NMA/NBMA Association that sufficient data exists to fulfill all the requirements of the HPV Program in the absence of additional testing.

This electronic submission includes four (4) documents in Microsoft Word 97 (Robust Summaries for NMA, NBMA and AMD and a Test Plan).

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 202-728-1400 x16 or via email at bernard@sra-intl.com.

Sincerely,

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